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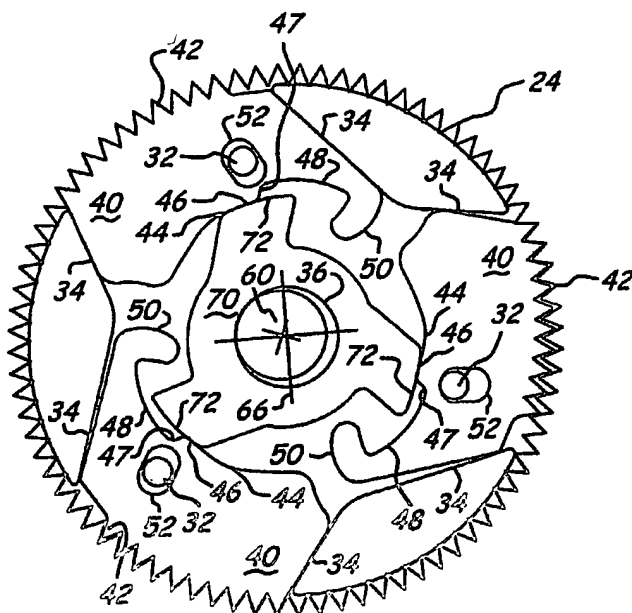
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(57) Abstract: A recliner assembly is disclosed
for providing selective pivotal adjustment of a
seat back (14) relative to a seat cushion (12).
The recliner assembly includes a fixed plate (30)
fixedly secured to the seat cushion and a mobile
plate (30) fixedly secured to the seat back. The
mobile plate is fixedly secured to the fixed plate.
The mobile plate includes an annular rim having
a plurality of teeth (62). A pawl is slidably
supported between the fixed and mobile plates
for movement in and out of locking engagement
with the plurality of teeth. A cam (70) is fixedly
secured to a shaft (60) rotatably journaled through
an aperture (36) formed in the mobile plate. The
aperture is oversized relative to the shaft to allow
the shaft and the cam to float radially relative to
the pawl to help prevent binding of the pawl during
movement in and out of locking engagement with
the plurality of teeth.

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Recliner assembly with self-adjusting rack of teeth

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Recliner assembly including a cam with axially extending pin

3. claim: 29

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